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YOU COULD BE RICH AND NOT EVEN KNOW IT

In fact, YOU ARE! Did you know that you have received an inheritance? You are named in a will!

Matthew 26:26-28 tells us: *"And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples and said, Take, eat, this is My body. And He took the cup and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is My blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."*

The word "Testament" which is used in this scripture is the same word that we use for "will". It is a Last Will and Testament. In a will you dispose of what you own. You give all the things that you owned to certain individuals.

Your Bible is the Will that God Has Given the Human Race

Hebrews 9:7-15 says: *"But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people; The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing; which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience.*

. . . Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

. . . How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the Living God?

And for this cause He is the MEDIATOR OF THE NEW TESTAMENT that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which

are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance."

There is an old will and there is a new will. The new will is found in the New Testament. Christ is the mediator of the New Testament to see that it is carried out. In other words, Christ is living to see that this will and everything He died for comes to us. He is our Great High Priest, living at the right hand of the Father to make good everything that is promised to us from Matthew to Revelation.

Hebrews 9:16-17 tells us, *"For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead; otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth."*

You see, there must be a death or else the will is not valid.

Moses, under the Old Testament had the blood of animals. There had to be some blood to prove that somebody or something had died. In the Old Testament, it was animals. The blood was taken as evidence that they had died as a substitute for the people's sins. (Hebrews 9:20, 22)

Hebrews 10:16-23 says: *"This is the covenant (will) that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin."*

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; and having an high priest over the house of God.

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for HE IS FAITHFUL THAT PROMISED."

All of these scriptures are concerning a will.

God left you and me something in a will. You ask, "Where is the will?" It is in your Bible from Matthew to Revelation. That is the Will!

The Will that God wrote for us is Matthew to Revelation. It defines all the benefits coming to every individual mentioned in the Will. That is one reason you need to read your Bible. There was a death, so there must be a will! God has recorded what Jesus, by His death, purchased for you and me. It is written down for you as the Bible.

The story is told of a Christian on his way to an underground church meeting in one of the Iron Curtain countries. Of course, Christian meetings are forbidden and the meetings are held in secret.

This Christian was stopped by the police and questioned as to where he was going at that time of night. Of course, the Christian would never think of lying, so he silently stood waiting for the wisdom of the Holy Ghost to give him an answer.

When the answer came, he looked up in the face of the policeman and said very calmly, "My Elder Brother has died and we in the family are gathering together tonight to read and discuss His Will in order that we may know what He has left us."

This satisfied the policeman so he was allowed to go on his way.

Of course, what the Christian meant was that Jesus, our Elder Brother, had died as the Lamb of God for our redemption and that he was going to a meeting of Christians (the family of God) to open the Word of God, which is the Will of God. There, they would discuss and rejoice in what the Lord Jesus Christ had promised them in this wonderful Will, which is the Word of God!

The Blood of Jesus is Proof of His Death

If someone dies, the will must be probated. In order to probate the will, there has to be proof of death. THAT IS WHERE THE BLOOD OF JESUS IS SO IMPORTANT. He did not leave one drop of His blood here on earth. When He shed His blood on Calvary and then appeared to Mary Magdelene, He told her, *"Touch Me not; for I am not yet ascended to My Father."* (John 20:17)

Later, when He appeared to the disciples, He said, *"Behold My hands and side."* (John 20:27)

He told them to handle Him. He told them that a spirit does not have flesh and bones.

At one time, He said, "Don't touch Me." Another time, He said, "Handle Me." In between these two incidents, He had ascended to the Father. He took every drop of His precious blood into the Holiest of Holies. The Book of Hebrews tells us that that blood is sprinkled before the mercy seat of God as EVIDENCE THAT JESUS ACTUALLY DID DIE.

Hebrews 9:24 says, *"For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us."*

Revelation 12:11 tells us, *"They overcame him (the devil) by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."*

Leviticus 17:11 also says, *"The life of the flesh is in the blood."*

When Jesus took His blood before the Father, it settled forever that He had died. The angels know it. Demons know it. The devil knows it. The Father knows it. He had come to earth and actually gone through death in a physical body. He took His blood to heaven and sprinkled it at the mercy seat of God, the Father.

Hebrews 12:22-24 states: *"But ye are come unto Mount Zion, and unto the city of the Living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the BLOOD of sprinkling . . ."*

When you get to heaven, that blood will still be there. That blood is evidence that Jesus had died and that THE WILL IS IN EFFECT. You need to be sure that you know the Will is operating for you NOW. This will help you in fighting the battles of life.

A will is of no effect until someone dies. Your will is worthless to your heirs until you die. It will not give another person a thing until you die.

That blood that Jesus shed is in heaven as evidence that He did die. What He left us in the Bible is absolutely and justifiably ours in the sight of God, in the sight of the devil and in the sight of man.

Did you know that in this land and in other lands there are millions and millions of dollars of unclaimed will benefits that heirs know nothing about? Some courts do not know what to do with it. They finally just give it to the State. Some people have never been told that they were named in a will. Some people know they are mentioned but have never taken the time to investigate what their inheritance might be.

SOME PEOPLE ARE RICH BECAUSE OF A WILL AND DO NOT EVEN KNOW IT! There is an abundance on deposit in their name and the will says that it belongs to them; yet they do not have it. Many of them know nothing about it. They have never been told they have had an inheritance given to them.

Several years ago, I was conducting a meeting in Tulsa,

Oklahoma, preaching the Good News and praying for the sick every night. One afternoon, I was having supper in a restaurant and I noticed a crippled woman came in to be seated at another table near me. She laid her crutches down and with great difficulty got seated for her meal.

Compassion rose up within me for this needy woman, so I went over and introduced myself and told her why I was in the city. Then, I explained in detail God's promises to heal. I shared about the healing of our daughter who was born abnormal, but who was healed by the Lord Jesus Christ. I shared several instances of God's great mercy in healing. When I finished she said, "Why, Brother Osteen, if Jesus wants me to suffer like this, I am perfectly willing to suffer for Him. I have no complaints. I am happy to suffer on His behalf."

In spite of all I could say in trying to explain to her God's Will, she was completely convinced that she was "suffering for Jesus". I knew that she would go to her grave in that crippled condition because she would not listen to what Jesus had left her "in the Will".

That very same night, preaching in the auditorium, I explained what God had left us in the Will regarding healing and miracles. A pastor suddenly rushed to the platform, bringing a child. He said, "This child goes to our church. He has had a club foot all of his life, but while you were teaching suddenly it straightened out and became perfectly normal."

What a difference in the two people! ~~One would not accept~~ what the Will said and remained crippled. In child-like faith, this little boy simply believed as I read the Will that said that healing belonged to him and instantly he was made whole!

We need to know what is ours in the Will that God has given us. We need to find out what is in the Will. We need to read our Will every day. We need to find out what God has left us! Many people are paupers when God wants them to be spiritually rich, physically rich and financially rich because of

what He has left them in His Will.

Benefits Must Be Known Before They Can Be Claimed!

You cannot claim anything in the Bible until you know about it. This is the reason you need to read your Will every day. That is, read your Bible every day.

It is wonderful to find out what Jesus left us! It is wonderful to find out what He did for us!

Somebody Read the Will to Me

I can well remember when I was not a Christian. I was lost. I served myself and satan. I lived in the realm of worldly things. It was displeasing to God. I was dead spiritually. I had no interest in the things of God. I knew nothing about the Will that God had left me. I was ignorant of what was mine through Jesus' death, burial and resurrection.

One day when I did not know a thing in the world about this Will, a man read me a part of it. He showed me that the Will said, *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever (that included me) believeth in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life."* (John 3:16)

I found out that I was included in a will! God's Will! The Will of the Lord Jesus Christ! He had left me something—Everlasting Life!!

I found out the Will said, *"To as many as received Him to them gave He power to become the SONS OF GOD."* (John 1:12)

God promised, *"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."* (John 3:36)

Jesus said, *"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My Word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from*

death unto life." (John 5:24)

Then I read how to claim these benefits. Romans 10:9-10 said, *"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."*

I found out that if I would open my heart, He would come in and save me. If I confessed Him as my Lord, I would pass out of spiritual death into eternal life. I could be relieved of the burden of my sins. I found out that I could be an heir of God and a joint heir with Jesus Christ. That sounded good! Since Jesus died and gave it to me, I decided to claim it!

I opened my heart and let Jesus come in. I claimed and confessed Him as my Lord. I became a Christian on that very day because I found out I was mentioned in the Will.

Do you know that you are mentioned in the Will? He left us so much. There is SO MUCH!

HE LEFT US HIS NAME.

He left us power over demons!

He left us the Holy Ghost!

He left us innumerable blessings through His death, burial and resurrection. When He died, He left us everything the Father had given to Him. Everything we have been given is all written down. Every day we should get out that Will and check it to see what else we have that He left us.

When you find something you have need of, take the blood of Jesus Christ and say, "Father, I found this in the Will. I want you to open up the rich treasury of heaven and get out that which belongs to me. Today I discovered that IT IS MINE.

The blood of Jesus is sprinkled in heaven as proof He died for me. That blood *'speaketh better things than that of Abel.'*

(Hebrews 12:24) The blood of Jesus says I have a right to my inheritance. I come boldly to your throne of grace to claim what rightfully belongs to me."

I Had To Check My Will

I remember one time when the devil attacked my physical body. He wanted to kill me. He would like to kill all of us. He put some kind of trouble in my arteries and heart area. All the hospital tests looked bad! The doctors had me scheduled for open heart surgery.

I planned to take their advice and have the operation. After all, I thank God for doctors and medicine! I believe that every good thing in this world comes from God.

BUT DURING THOSE DAYS IN THAT HOSPITAL, I BEGAN TO CHECK MY WILL.

I thought, "At least I should check my Will before I get operated on and find out if God has anything to say about this situation."

We should check out every situation with the Word of God first.

I began to check my Will and I found out in Matthew 8:17, "Himself took my infirmities and bare my sicknesses."

I discovered in the Will that it says in I Peter 2:24, *"Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."*

Isaiah 53:5 says, *"... With His stripes we are healed."*

God told me in Exodus 15:26, *"I am the Lord that healeth thee."*

In 3 John 2 He said, *"I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper AND BE IN HEALTH, even as thy soul prospereth."*

These promises were to me, so I searched further in my Will.

Romans 8:2: *"For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."*

I searched my Will and it read, *"They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover."* (Mark 16:18)

I read in the Will, *"Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the Name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up . . ."* (James 5:14, 15)

Then one day, I found something great in the Will. Galatians 3:13 says, *"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed in every one that hangeth on a tree."*

I discovered the curse of the law in Deuteronomy chapter 28. I found there was every kind of sickness in the curse of the law. The sicknesses named were consumption, fever, inflammation and extreme burning; botch, emerods, scab, itch, madness, blindness and astonishment of heart.

Then in Deuteronomy 28:60-61 it says, *"Moreover He will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou was afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee. Also every sickness and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will the Lord bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed."*

Even every sickness and plague which is not named in the Bible is a part of the curse of the law!!

But my Will said in Galatians 3:13 that, *"CHRIST HAD REDEEMED ME FROM THE CURSE OF THE LAW."* I was actually redeemed from all sickness and disease! ALL!

The Will said the redemption price was the blood of Jesus. *"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with*

~~corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers, But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot.~~ " (I Peter 1:18-19)

The Holy Ghost confirmed this in my own spirit and said, "God bought you—spirit, soul and body. You are redeemed. These scriptures list your benefits."

Now you can leave YOUR benefits unclaimed if you want to, but I decided to claim mine!!

Deep inside of me, my spirit began to say, "I believe I will go and knock on the door of heaven and claim my benefits."

So, I claimed my benefits that very day. By the time the sun was hot on the earth, I had claimed my benefits in the great court of heaven. God healed my body from the top of my head to the bottom of my feet. The benefits of His Will were mine! They had been mine all the time. Only they had not done me any good until I found them and claimed them personally. Several years have passed and I still walk in divine health!

Some people have never touched the Will!

They never open their Will!

They do not know what they are missing. You can find out that you do not have to be poor. You do not have to barely "get by" in life. You do not have to be sickly all the time. You do not have to drag through life defeated and depressed.

CHECK YOUR WILL! Find out what God left you through the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Every day you should read in the New Testament. Read it over and over and over again. I have been reading it for thirty years and I am still finding new things that I never saw in all my life. It is wonderful to read the Will!

A Will Can Be Contested

Did you know that a will can be contested?

~~Every time you try to claim anything from God, there is a devil that will contest~~ that Will. He will come around and say, "No, that is not right. That promise is not for you. That was just for the apostles. That was for somebody else. You had better be careful about taking God at His Word, literally. You may die."

That is the voice of the enemy and it is a lie!

I read the story of a young lady who told how learning that she was named in the Will changed her life with a miracle of healing. These are the young lady's own words recounting her testimony:

"When I was born it was soon to be discovered that I would face death at an early age. My diagnosis came at 1 1/2 years of age. The doctors said I was born with an incurable, hereditary disease called Cystic Fibrosis. My life span at the most would be 18 years.

As time went along, new discoveries were made to help prolong my life to reach the eighteen year span, but even to this day no medical cure has been found. This disease is the 'killer' amongst children.

I began school at six years, taking with me the enzyme pills that were necessary to digest my food at every meal because of my nonfunctioning pancreas. This was a big responsibility for a child of that age to remember to do.

By the time I was ten, respirators were introduced into my life. Breathing was a continuous struggle. Several times I almost choked to death on the excessive amount of mucus produced in my lungs.

Strong antibiotics became a daily part of my life.

More and more my life was becoming dependent upon doctors, machines, hospitals, and medication.

My early teens began with a 'bang' of new additions to my 'survival kit'. Physical therapy treatments three times a day along with more powerful respirators, and 'mist tents' (oxygen tents with medication blowing in continually) became a part of my daily routine. Nothing would sustain my deteriorating body. Even the common cold meant hospitalization for me.

By the time I was sixteen years of age, I weighed sixty-nine pounds, part of one lung collapsed, 5% good fibrous tissues left to breathe with, and high temperatures that sometimes took months to subdue. The doctors said they had done all that they could do for me. I might live about a year if I did not have any more colds, for that is what started the frightening fever on the rise again.

Now I was about a year away from that early point of death that I had been taught about and prepared to face all of my life. I had accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior when I was fourteen. I was a member of the Church of Christ at that time.

I knew without a shadow of a doubt that I would go to heaven when I died, but I could not see death as a part of God's plan for my life at this time. Circumstances looked impossible, but with God all things are possible. (Mark 10:27)

I heard about and began attending a home prayer meeting in my hometown where I received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. This made an open channel for God to begin teaching me His Will and His Ways. I read in Matthew 8:17 ' . . . *Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses.*' The Lord showed

me that Jesus bore our sicknesses on the cross just like He bore our sins. I knew, then, that I would not die but live and declare the works of God.

After two months of learning what God's Word had to say about healing, the Lord spoke to me and said, 'I am going to heal you.' Praise the Lord! Every night for the past year I had prayed that the Lord would help someone find a cure for Cystic Fibrosis. This was beyond my fondest dreams! God wanted to heal me and receive all the glory Himself.

A week or two later the Lord spoke again saying, 'I am going to heal you tomorrow night.' The excitement was so great I could hardly wait! I did not know what to expect. I had never known the Lord to do these things before. But still I did not question how or doubt that I would be healed. I was naive enough to believe that God meant what He said.

The next night at the prayer meeting, the Lord gave His final Word, 'Now is the time. I am ready to heal you. You have waited long enough.' So I asked for prayer for healing, and the Lord miraculously healed me. The warmth of God's healing hand began in my pancreas. It released all the mucus that had prevented its functioning all my life. This divine warmth moved through my lungs and cleared them as it went. For the first time in my life I knew what it was like to take a deep breath of fresh air. From that night forward I discontinued all medication. On that day, September 13, 1971, at the age of seventeen I began a new life totally for the Lord. I was a normal human being.

The devil always contests what Jesus has given, but I had found out about my benefits in the Will of God. The devil was trying to 'contest the will.'

The Lord began teaching me a lot concerning healing and confession. For a few days everything was glorious. Then came the reality of what Jesus said in John 10:10, *'The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: but I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.'*

EVERY SYMPTOM OF CYSTIC FIBROSIS CAME UPON ME INCLUDING SYMPTOMS OF A COLLAPSED LUNG. THE DEVIL TRIED TO STEAL WHAT GOD HAD GIVEN ME. IT WAS MY CHOICE TO HANG ON TO GOD AND CONFESS GOD'S WORD OR TO SAY, OH, I WAS NOT HEALED.

Proverbs 18:21 says, *'Death and life are in the power of the tongue . . .'* In my case this was literally true. So, I began confessing God's Word continually that 'by Jesus' stripes I am healed.' After a week the battle ended. JESUS WAS THE VICTOR. I NOW HAD THAT ABUNDANT LIFE THAT JESUS PROMISED ME.

Two months later, I went back to my doctor to have the healing verified. I told him what had happened. He asked, 'Have you been to a faith healer?' I answered, 'Well, there is only one healer and that is Jesus Christ.' He ran tests and made x-rays of my lungs. When he listened to my lungs, he said they were perfectly clear. He compared the x-rays with all the previous ones only to find healthy lungs. The only thing present on the x-rays was my cross pendant that had fallen down over the lung that had been collapsed. The doctor wrote at the end of my chart, 'COMPLETELY FREE OF CYSTIC FIBROSIS'."

Let me tell you, if there is a devil, there is a Jesus! If there

is a devil, there is certainly a God. When the devil comes to harass you, remind yourself that if there is a devil, there is also a God. Most people know the devil is out there. But, friend, GOD IS THERE also. Jesus is real!

There is a God Who spoke this world into existence. He has a Son named Jesus Who died for you and rose again. You have some rights in Him.

The devil will contest the Will. He will try to contest the Will every time you take a promise from it. Do you know what I do when he tries to put a symptom on me or come against me in other ways? I do not stare at what the old devil is doing. I say, "Wait a minute, ol' devil. Let me just check my Will. Let me see if it has changed any. I am going to read it to you, Mr. devil—just in case you haven't read it. Look, Galatians 3:13 still says, '*Christ hath redeemed me from the curse of the law.*' Now devil, since you are contesting this Will, let's read Deuteronomy 28. It says that all sickness is a curse of the law; therefore, my Will says that I am redeemed from the curse of the law and therefore sickness cannot be a part of me!!!" He will flee before God's Word!

The Bible says in Revelation 12:11 that, *"They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, the word of their testimony and they loved not their lives unto death."*

You must trust your life to God. You overcome by the blood and by the Word in your testimony. You have the Will. You have the blood. You have the Will and the proof that somebody died to make the Will effective. All you have to do is claim the blood of Jesus Christ at the throne of God. Quote some of the Will and declare that it is yours! Then act like it. Yes, I said dare to act like the benefits are yours! Act like it even though you don't feel like it. Faith requires action! Then hold fast to your confession of deliverance where the devil tries to steal your benefits.

You Have a Lawyer

When the Will is contested, you have a lawyer. The Bible says in I John 2:1-2: *"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate (lawyer) with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world."*

In a court there is a lawyer and a judge. We have Jesus as our lawyer, and our Heavenly Father is the Judge. You just cannot lose with a team like that!

When the devil begins to contest the Will, accuse you and try to rob you, your Lawyer stands to defend you. The Judge sits on the bench and your Lawyer begins by saying, "I just want you to look, Father, at My hands. Look at My feet and My side. Behold, I am the One that died. My blood is sprinkled here before You as proof of My purchasing their benefits. THE WILL IS IN EFFECT."

The Book of Revelation says that He was as a Lamb slain. With His precious hand He points to His blood and says, "Father, look upon that blood that I shed in My human body to purchase the benefits for My children. I declare that the devil is nullified and they have the benefits that I purchased for them."

We have a lawyer. His Name is Jesus. When the Will is contested, He stands and fights our case to the victory!

Read the Will

We must learn to check our Will. We need to know what we have. Most people lose their fight when the will is being contested because they do not have any assurance of what they really have.

Your physical body may seem sick when the Bible says, *"By His stripes we are healed."* (Isaiah 53:5)

Abraham considered not his own body. *"He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God and being fully persuaded that what He had promised, He was able also to perform."* (Romans 4:20, 21)

He kept his eyes on what God had said to him! When Abraham kept his eyes on what God had said to him, then God made it effective and he became known as the *"Friend of God"*. (James 2:23)

This is why you need to read the Word of God. You need to be familiar with your benefits. This is why you need to claim those benefits. This is why you need to keep your confession in line with the Word. Keep on saying what you have in God. Keep your stand in faith strong. When the devil begins to contest you, know that you have the victory because the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Word of God says you do!

"He watches over His Word to perform it." (Jeremiah 1:12 Amplified version)

Let me encourage you to check your Will every day. When it seems like everything is going wrong, open that Will that God left you. The Bible says, *"Let not these promises depart from your eyes."* (Proverbs 4:21) Let your physical eyes look on what the Will says.

When the devil begins to harass you, don't just call the scripture to remembrance in your mind. (Although that is helpful too).

"Let not the words depart from your eyes." Go get your will. Open it up and read it. Joshua 1:8 says, *"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night . . ."* Read your will ALOUD and declare your rights according to the Will.

Some people begin to cry when the devil attacks them. They moan and groan and begin to look for a minister somewhere to come to their rescue.

NO! NO! NO!

GO CHECK YOUR WILL!

Learn to stand on the Word of God yourself. Learn to grow up in God. Learn to find out what God left you in Christ. Learn to know who you are in God.

Boldly take your promise in the Will to the Father and say, "Father, here is my promise. I refuse to continue in this problem. No demon is going to harass me. I am not going to be in poverty, spiritually, financially or physically. I am claiming my benefits in the Lord Jesus Christ for me and my household. The blood of Jesus is my basis. That shows that He died for me and He arose again to mediate this will. I am claiming it. I will not let the devil rob me."

It is such a joy to have something to read every day that will undergird us and strengthen us in the things that God wants us to have!

Knock on the door of heaven and claim everything that belongs to you. Carefully study your Will. Read it and claim your benefits. Once you have claimed it, HOLD IT FAST. Do not let the devil rob you. The blood of Jesus Christ is your surety for everything that He died for.

Learn what is in your Will. Begin to act on it. You will find yourself rich in God! A limitless inheritance is YOURS!

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KNOW YOUR BENEFITS IN THE WILL CONCERNING: SALVATION

Mark 8:35—*For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for My sake and the Gospel's, the same shall save it.*

John 1:12—*But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name.*

John 1:29—*The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*

John 3:3—*Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*

John 3:16—*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

John 3:36—*He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.*

Acts 2:21—*And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the Name of the Lord shall be saved.*

Acts 3:19—*Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.*

Acts 4:12—*Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other Name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*

Acts 10:43—*To Him give all the prophets witness, that through His Name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive*

remission of sins.

Acts 16:30-31—*And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved: And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.*

Romans 3:23-24—*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.*

Romans 5:6—*For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.*

Romans 6:23—*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Romans 10:9-10*—*That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness: and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

2 Corinthians 5:17—*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

Ephesians 2:8—*For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.*

I Peter 2:24—*Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed.*

I John 5:11—*And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life and this life is in His Son.*

The Baptism in the Holy Ghost

Isaiah 28:11—*For with stammering lips and another tongue will He speak to this people.*

Isaiah 57:19—*I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the Lord; and I will heal him.*

Joel 2:28—*And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.*

Matthew 3:11—*I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire.*

Mark 16:17—*And these signs shall follow them that believe; In My Name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues.*

Luke 3:22—*And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art My beloved Son; in Thee I am well pleased.*

Luke 11:13—*If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?*

Luke 24:49—*And, behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.*

Acts 1:4—*And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith He, ye have heard of Me.*

Acts 1:5—*For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.*

Acts 1:8—*But ye shall receive power after that the Holy*

Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 2:4—And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:38-39—Then Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Acts 5:32—And we are His witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey Him.

Acts 19:6—And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

Romans 8:26—Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit Itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

I Corinthians 14:2—For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the Spirit he speaketh mysteries.

I Corinthians 14:15—What is it then? I will pray with the Spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the Spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

I Corinthians 14:39—Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.

Ephesians 6:18—Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

Jude 20—*But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.*

Healing

Exodus 15:26—*And said, if thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee.*

Psalms 103:3—*Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases.*

Psalms 107:20—*He sent His Word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.*

Proverbs 4:20-22—*My son, attend to My Words; incline thine ear unto My sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.*

Proverbs 17:22—*A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.*

Isaiah 53:5—*But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him: and with His stripes we are healed.*

Jeremiah 30:17—*For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord . . .*

Malachi 4:2—*But unto you that fear My Name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings; and ye shall go forth and grow up as calves of the stall.*

Matthew 4:23—*And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.*

Matthew 8:7—*And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.*

Matthew 8:17—*That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.*

Mark 16:18—*They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.*

Luke 1:37—*For with God nothing shall be impossible.*

Luke 9:6—*And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the Gospel, and healing everywhere.*

John 14:14—*If ye shall ask anything in My Name, I will do it.*

Acts 5:16—*There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.*

Acts 10:38—*How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power; Who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him.*

Romans 8:2—*For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*

Galatians 3:13—*Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us; for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree.*

Hebrews 2:14—*Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil.*

James 5:14-16—*Is any sick among you? Let him call for*

the elders of the church, and let them pray over him; anointing him with oil in the Name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

I Peter 2:24—Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

3 John 2—Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

Authority Over Satan

Isaiah 54:17—No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of Me, saith the Lord.

Matthew 7:29—For He taught them as One having authority, and not as the scribes.

Matthew 10:7—Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils; freely ye have received, freely give.

Matthew 18:18—Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Matthew 28:18—And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth.

Luke 9:1—Then He called His twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.

Luke 10:19—Behold, I give unto you power to tread on

serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

John 12:31—*Now is the judgement of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.*

John 14:12—*Verily, Verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father.*

John 14:30—*Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in Me.*

John 17:15—*I pray not that Thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil.*

Romans 6:14—*For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.*

Romans 8:37—*Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.*

1 Corinthians 15:57—*But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

2 Corinthians 10:4-5—*For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds; Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.*

Ephesians 1:3—*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.*

Ephesians 1:19-21—*And what is the exceeding greatness of His power to usward who believe, according to the working of His mighty power, which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in*

this world, but also in that which is to come.

Ephesians 4:27—Neither give place to the devil.

Ephesians 6:10-17—Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day. and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

Colossians 2:10—And ye are complete in Him which is the Head of all principality and power.

Colossians 2:15—And having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

2 Timothy 1:7—For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Hebrews 10:13—From henceforth expecting till His enemies be made His footstool.

James 4:7—Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

1 Peter 5:8—Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

1 John 4:4—Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he

that is in the world.

Revelation 21:7—He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be My son.

Prosperity

Deuteronomy 28:11-12—And the Lord shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers to give thee. The Lord shall open unto thee His good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in His season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow. (read verses 2-14)

Joshua 1:8—This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

2 Chronicles 20:20—. . . Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe His prophets, so shall ye prosper.

2 Chronicles 26:5—. . . And as long as he sought the Lord, God made him to prosper.

Nehemiah 2:20—Then answered I them, and said unto them, the God of heaven, He will prosper us.

Job 22:25—Yea, the Almighty shall be thy defence, and thou shalt have plenty of silver.

Psalms 1:2-3—His delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Psalms 23:1—*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

Psalms 37:25—*I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.*

Psalms 112:3—*Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.*

Psalms 122:7—*Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.*

Proverbs 10:22—*The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.*

Joel 2:26—*And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the Name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and My people shall never be ashamed.*

Zechariah 1:17—*Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad . . .*

Malachi 3:10—*Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.*

Matthew 6:33—*But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

Luke 6:38—*Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give unto your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.*

John 10:10—*The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*

2 Corinthians 9:10-11—*Now he that ministereth seed to the*

sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness; Being enriched in everything to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

Philippians 4:19—*But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

3 John 2—*Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.*

Victory Over Fear

Exodus 14:13—*And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will show you . . .*

Joshua 1:9—*Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.*

2 Kings 6:16—*And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.*

Psalms 91:5—*Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night: nor for the arrow that flieth by day.*

Psalms 118:6—*For the Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?*

Proverbs 29:25—*The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe.*

Isaiah 35:4—*Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; He will come and save you.*

Isaiah 41:10—*Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness.*

Mark 5:36—*As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe.*

Luke 1:74—*That He would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve Him without fear.*

Romans 8:15—*For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.*

2 Timothy 1:7—*For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*

Hebrews 13:6—*So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.*

1 John 4:18—*There is no fear in love: but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.*

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Isaiah 8:18—*Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.*

Daniel 11:32—. . . *But the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.*

Mark 16:15-18—*And He said unto them Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In My Name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.*

Acts 1:8—*But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy*

Ghost is come upon you . . .

Acts 2:4—And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 8:17—Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

Acts 10:38—How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power; who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him.

I Corinthians 3:16—Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

I Corinthians 12:1 & 4-7 (Amplified)—Now about the spiritual gifts (the special endowments of supernatural energy), brethren, I do not want you to be misinformed. Now there are distinctive varieties and distributions of endowments (extraordinary powers distinguishing certain Christians, due to the power of divine grace operating in their souls by the Holy Spirit) and they vary, but the (Holy) Spirit remains the same. And there are distinctive varieties of service and ministration, but it is the same Lord (Who is served). And there are distinctive varieties of operation—of working to accomplish things—but it is the same God Who inspires and energizes them all in all. But to each one is given the manifestation of the (Holy) Spirit—that is, the evidence, the spiritual illumination of the Spirit—for good and profit.

I Corinthians 12:8-11—For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits, to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit,

dividing to every man severally as He will.

1 Corinthians 14:1—*Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.*

2 Corinthians 10:4—*For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds.*

I Thessalonians 5:19-20—*Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings.*

Hebrews 2:4—*God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to His own will.*

Pray This Prayer and Lay Hold of All of God's Benefits for You.

Dear Heavenly Father, I come boldly to your throne today to claim my benefits in the kingdom of God. I have an inheritance that you have given me and I claim it today in the court of heaven.

I thank You that You so loved me that You gave Your only Son that I might have eternal life. I have the assurance of that eternal life today because the Holy Ghost within me bears witness in my heart that I am Your child.

I thank You that I have received the promise of the Holy Spirit and I do speak in tongues as the Spirit gives me utterance. The Holy Spirit gives me continuing power to live a godly life and to be a witness of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I am healed and I have been given perfect health for by Jesus' stripes I was healed and I am healed now.

I have authority over satan and nothing shall by any means hurt me because greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world. I submit myself to God and the devil must flee!

I thank You, Father, that today Your Will gives me prosperity. My every need is met according to Your riches by Christ Jesus. As I give, men give unto me. As I seek first the kingdom of God, and Your righteousness, all things are added unto me.

According to Your Will I am the righteousness of God in Christ. I will not cower under condemnation from the enemy. I will walk in the Spirit for Christ Jesus has been made unto me righteousness.

I thank You, Father, that You have not given me a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. God's

perfect love in me and for me casts out all fear in my life. I am free! And whom the Son sets free is free indeed.

Your Will gives me the weapons of my warfare which are the gifts of the Holy Spirit. I will desire and earnestly cultivate these gifts of the Spirit that I might edify and build up the body of Christ.

I thank You, Father, that You have heard my prayer for I ask it in Jesus' Name. You have said that as I ask anything in His Name that You will do it. I receive the benefits of Your Will this day with joy and thanksgiving, giving glory unto God.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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